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SUBJ: MALIAN REFUGEES IN ALGERIA

AFDROUGHT

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1.EMBOFF REQUESTED MEETING WITH BELAOUNE PRESIDENT OF CROISSANT ROUGE ALGERIEN (CRA) TO VERIFY DROUGHT SITUATION IN SOUTH WITH REGARDS TO REFTEL A. SALAH BASSA, VICE PRESIDENT OF RCA ALSO PRESENT AS HE IS IN CHARGE OF ASSISTANCE IN SOUTH.

2. BELAOUANE SAID CRA WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR AID TO SAHALIAN DROUGHT VICTIMS. CRA HAS BEEN WORKING ON PROBLEM FOR SOME YEARS. THREE OR FOUR YEARS AGO THEY REQUESTED AID FOR DROUGHT VICTIMS. FULL REPORT WAS SENT TO U.S. RED CROSS AND SUMMARY REPORTS WERE DESCRIBED IN CROISSANT ROUGE ALGERIEN INFORMATIONS JUNE 1972, NO. 6; 2 EME TRIMESTRE - 1972, AND LIMITED OFFICIAL USE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SEPTEMBER 1973, NO. 9. CRA DID NOT RECEIVE ANY RESPONSE FROM THEIR REQUEST FOR AID AND HAVE GONE AHEAD ON THEIR

OWN TO AID DROUGHT VICTIMS. IN VIEW OF CRA, PROBLEM IS THERE, FACTS ARE KNOWN, AND INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY CAN MAKE ITS OWN DECISION ON ITS ASSISTANCE TO REFUGEES IN ALGERIA. CRA WILL ACCEPT REAL ASSISTANCE, WILL GIVE RECOGNITION OF FOREIGN AID, BUT IS NOT REQUESTING AID NOW AND IS NOT PLANNING TO REQUEST AID.

3. BELAOUANE SAID SITUATION WAS MORE SERIOUS NOW AS THERE WERE ABOUT 10,000 REFUGEES NEAR TAMANRASSET AND ABOUT 10,000 REFUGEES SOUTH OF RAGGANE. REFUGEES FROM SOUTH ARE ARRIVING IN WEEK, STARVING CONDITION AND SOME ARE DYING. BELAOUANE WOULD NEITHER CONFIRM OR DENY 25 - 35 FIGURE IN REFTEL A. CRA ASSISTS ALL VICTIMS THE SAME WAY REGARDLESS OF NATIONALITY WHICH IN ANY CASE IS OFTEN NOT KNOWN. DESCRIPTION NOTED IN ARTICLES ABOVE IS STILL ACCURATE, THOUGH SITUATION IS SOMEWHAT WORSE NOW BECAUSE OF DOUBLING OF NUMBER OF REFUGEES AND CONTINUED DROUGHT. STOCKS IN SOUTH HAVE BEEN DRAWN DOWN AND STOCKS TAKEN FROM NORTHERN AREAS.

4. ALGERIAN ARMY ASSISTING CRA WITH TRANSPORTATION AND DIGGING WELLS FOR NOMADS. BELAOUANE MENTIONED CRA NEED FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE, WHEAT, MOBILE CLINICS, TRANSPORTATION, AND, ESPECIALLY WELL DIGGING EQUIPMENT.

5. USINT WILL REPORT ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON SUBJECT. EAGLETON

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